

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0053597-10-0

Permittee: Cady Cheese LLC, 126 HWY 128, Wilson, WI, 54027

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Cady Cheese LLC, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec 28, T28N R15W Wilson, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Lohn Creek and the groundwaters in the Eau Galle River watershed of the Lower Chippewa River Basin in St. Croix county

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Cady Cheese LLC is a cheese manufacturing plant located in Wilson, Wisconsin. The facility produces on average 65,000 pounds of cheese per day, six days a week. The waste streams at the facility consist of process wastewater, water softeners, reverse osmosis (RO) polished water, noncontact cooling water and boiler blowdown water. The facility has a 220,000 gallon underground concrete holding tank and a 20,000 gallon above ground steel holding tank for the waste which allows the facility to landspread waste more efficiently and to avoid bad weather. The facility treats whey permeate with a Reverse Osmosis (RO) Whey Permeate Removal Process system, a process RO Clean Water polisher system, and a wastewater treatment RO system for the removal of Nitrogen compounds from the RO Polisher permeate wastewater discharge. The resulting discharge from the wastewater treatment RO then discharges through Outfall 005 to the Lohn Creek. The permeate discharge from the RO Whey Permeate Removal Process goes into the two tanks mentioned above before being land applied through outfall 001. Significant monitoring and/or limits changes proposed in the upcoming permit term include technology-based effluent BOD and TSS mass limits and Acute and Chronic whole effluent toxicity (WET) tests for the RO wastewater discharge via Outfall 005.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Angela Parkhurst, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 839-3836, Angela.Parkhurst@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Adebowale Adesanwo, 890 Spruce Street, Baldwin, WI 54002, (715) 684-2914, adebowale.adesanwo@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (715) 839-3836 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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